

Fair today and tomorrow; slightly cooler today. Yesterday's temperature—Maximum, 77; minimum, 52.

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DEADLY GAS OVERCOMES TWENTY MEN; CROWDS WATCH \$100,000 FIRE

Woman Clerk in Geological Survey, at Work on Fifth Floor, Carried Down Fire Escape. Valuable Governmental Papers Lost.

CHIEF WAGNER GOES TO THE HOSPITAL

Structure, Visited For Fifth Time by Blaze, Regarded As Fire-trap by George Otis Smith, Director of Survey. The Pulmotor Is Used to Revive Seven Men.

Twenty firemen were overcome from inhaling deadly "street" gas and several others rescued in a stubborn fire yesterday afternoon in the Hooe Building, in F Street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets Northwest. The damage to the building and its contents is expected to reach \$100,000, the greater portion of which was suffered by the government in the loss of valuable topographical records of the Geological Survey.

Miss M. J. Dickman, a clerk in the Geological Survey, who was at work on the fifth floor, was taken down a fire-escape. She was unaware the building was on fire until she was seized with a violent spell of coughing, caused by the great volumes of smoke curling up the elevator shaft.

Running to the stairway, she tried to make her way down, but before she had reached the fourth floor was overcome. C. S. Ryan, a newspaper pressman, heard her cries for help, climbed up the fire-escape in the rear of the building, and helped the young woman to the alley below.

Of the score of firemen overcome, fourteen were treated at Emergency, six refusing to go to the hospital. At 10 o'clock last night William Scherbtfefer, twenty-five years old, of No. 6 Engine Company, was removed from his home, 1000 Virginia Avenue Southeast, to Casualty Hospital. It was stated early this morning that he may die. He is suffering from the effects of "street" gas. Those taken to Emergency were:

Chief Frank Wagner, who was not seriously affected. He was able to go to his home, after remaining at the hospital half an hour.

Capt. John J. Hanlon, thirty-nine years old, 135 Florida Avenue Northwest, Engine Company No. 21, kept at hospital all night.

Capt. W. T. Latham, forty-six years old, 62 G Street Southwest, Engine Company No. 6, unconscious when taken to the hospital, and revived after an hour.

Lieut. George W. Smith, thirty-two years old, 48 Street Northwest, Engine Company No. 8, unconscious when taken to the hospital, and revived after an hour.

Private T. D. Lyon, thirty-one years old, 115 Fourth Street Northeast, Engine Company No. 23, unconscious for two hours.

Private J. W. Covington, 41 years old, 115 E Street Southeast, Engine Company No. 2, kept at the hospital all night.

Private Ernest Howard, 41 years old, 27 K Street Northeast, Engine Company No. 7, unconscious for an hour.

Private J. A. Smith, 25 years old, 130 Third Street Northwest, Engine Company No. 1, kept at hospital all night.

Private William Asher, 24 years old, 1610 First Street Northwest, Engine Company No. 2, unconscious for an hour.

Private W. L. Atkins, 25 years old, 1014 H Street Northwest, Engine Company No. 22, unconscious for two hours.

Private P. R. Steinman, thirty-four years old, 418 R Street Northwest, Engine Company No. 1, kept at hospital all night.

Private J. P. Farrell, twenty-nine years old, 79 Ninth Street Southwest, Engine Company No. 10, unconscious for an hour.

Private George Meeks, twenty-three years old, 24 Thirteenth Street Southwest, Engine Company No. 12, went to his home after remaining at the hospital for an hour.

Private C. C. McKay, twenty-eight years old, 702 Newton Street Northwest, Engine Company No. 7, kept at hospital all night.

Thousands Watch Firemen. Five thousand persons watched the firemen work. It was necessary to rope off the street, while police reserves were called out to keep back the struggling crowds.

So fast were the firemen overcome that four police ambulances, one Emergency ambulance, and four taxicabs were used to carry the men to the hospital.

The fire was confined in the cellar of the Geological Survey. Spontaneous combustion is thought to have started it. Although great volumes of smoke poured out the street gratings about the buildings and from out the windows not a flame came through. The splendid work of the firemen kept the blaze confined to the cellar directly beneath the offices of the American Express Com-

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HELPING HINTS.

So many people need just a little help to make a big success of life and so many go far out of their way to get that little help. Lots of helping hands are stretched out to aid those who need them, but somehow or other the help and the one needing it do not always connect.

Herald Want Ads are small things and most inexpensive, but they have proved in the past mighty big helps to many. Many a young man and woman have obtained their start in life through the Want Columns.

Try The Herald Want Ad help today and see if it won't lift you to great success. The Wants are efficient in buying, selling, exchanging, renting, hiring, and in every essential of the home and business.

FEATURES OF \$100,000 FIRE IN F STREET

Fire Chief Frank Wagner, two captains, one lieutenant, and sixteen privates overcome by street gas, thirteen of which were sent to Emergency Hospital.

Miss M. J. Dickman, a clerk in the Geological Survey, assisted down five flights of fire escape by C. S. Ryan.

Capt. Charles F. Beers, of No. 4 Truck Company, fell in a manhole on the sidewalk, but was rescued.

Five ambulances and several taxicabs used to rush firemen to hospital.

The pulmotor used at hospital to revive seven firemen taken there.

Total damage to the building and contents estimated at \$100,000.

Building considered by George Otis Smith, director of the Geological Survey, as a fire-trap.

When the building has been visited by fire, four times on Sunday afternoons, and about the same time of the day.

More than 5,000 persons crowded in F Street to watch the firemen.

No flames visible, although the smoke was so dense at times the entire building was enveloped in it.

FRIENDS START FIGHT IN ANHUT'S BEHALF

Strong Efforts to Be Made to Keep Thaw Lawyer, Convicted of Bribery, Out of Prison.

New York, May 18.—A strong fight will be begun tomorrow to keep Lawyer J. N. Anhut, who was convicted Saturday for bribery in connection with Thaw's fight for freedom, from Mattawan.

His fiancée, Miss Fishmuth, of Oak Villa, Atlantic City, telephoned his lawyer that she was coming to the city to assist him. Friends of Anhut in Detroit, where he was born and where he was elected State Senator, the youngest in Michigan, also have come forward to help, as they believe that he played an innocent part in the conspiracy to get Thaw out of Mattawan.

When he comes up for sentence before Justice Seabury Tuesday efforts will be made to secure the utmost clemency. His lawyer, Arthur C. Palmer, believes that he will get a suspended sentence.

It is understood that a charge of perjury will be entered against one of the witnesses for the State, whose testimony was material in securing the conviction.

MORE ALIMONY ALLOWED.

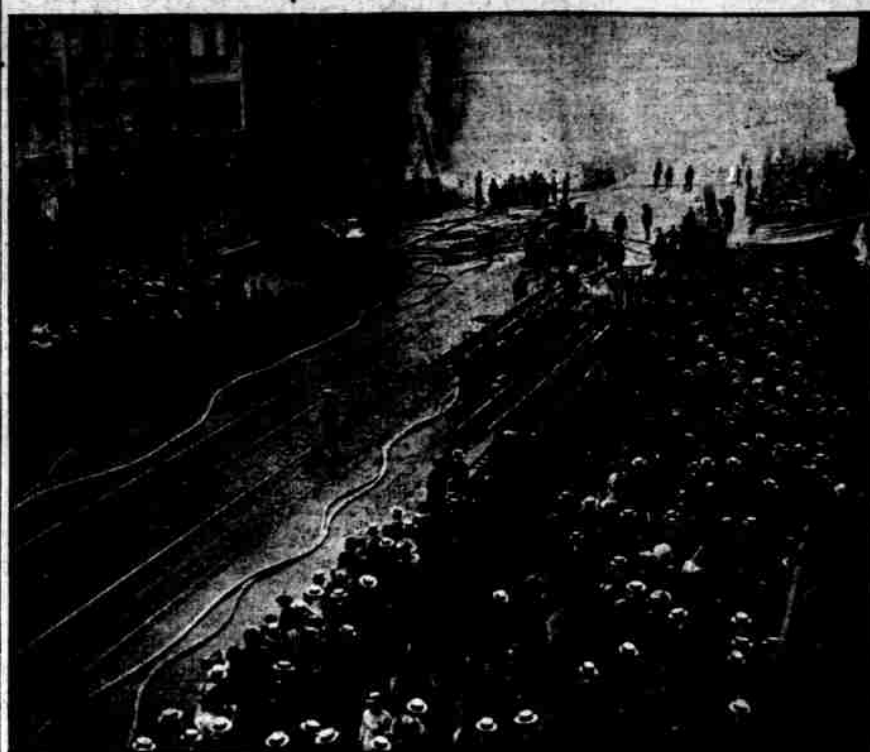
Ann E. Phillips Ordered to Pay Wife \$100 a Month.

Judge Edward C. Peter, in the Circuit Court at Rockville, has signed an order requiring Ann E. Phillips, of Washington, to pay to his former wife, Estelle P. Phillips, who was granted a divorce several years ago, \$100 a month alimony.

At the time the divorce was granted, Mrs. Phillips was awarded the custody of the couple's four minor children and was allowed alimony of \$15 a month. In the petition asking for an increase in the amount of alimony, Mrs. Phillips represented that the support and education of the children entailed a much heavier expense now than at the time the divorce was granted, and she also declares that that defendant has received a large increase in salary.

Sunday in Philadelphia. A trip full of interest and pleasure. Sunday excursion only \$2.50. Philadelphia and return, next Sunday, May 25, Pennsylvania Railroad. \$2.25 to Chester; \$2.00 to Wilmington and return. Special train leaves Washington 7:30 a. m.

SCENE AT HEIGHT OF STUBBORN FIRE IN F STREET



Photograph shows firemen at work in front of Hooe Building and part of thousands of spectators.

STRIKERS TO BAR WAY TO MILLS

L. W. W. Threaten to Prevent Return of Employees of Price Company.

MORE RIOTING IS FEARED

Agitators Declare Bloodshed Will Follow Any Attempt to Work Until Settlement Is Effected.

Paterston, May 18.—Trouble is expected here tomorrow morning when the employees of the Arthur Price Mill will return to work following the settlement effected with the company. The L. W. W. leaders, speaking at the open-air meeting at Haledon today, advised 30,000 striking mill operatives to "get on the picket line early tomorrow morning, and don't let one of the employees go back."

While Chief of Police Blinn declared that he would protect all operatives who wished to return to work, agitators circulated among the ranks of the strikers asserting that bloodshed would follow any attempt of silk workers to return to work until a settlement has been made affecting a majority of the strikers.

All of the speakers who addressed the meetings at Haledon today carefully avoided any reference to the calling of a general strike in Paterston, and putting the city in total darkness by Wednesday night.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was among the speakers and assured the strikers that the strike would be settled within ten or fifteen days. She said that the L. W. W. was fighting to obtain an eight-hour day for mill employees throughout the country, and asserted that the National Manufacturers' Association was backing the Paterston mill owners in order to prevent this.

Among the speakers were Haywood, Carlo Trasca, Patrick Quinn, Frederick Sumner Boyd, and Upton Sinclair, the Socialist writer.

Washington Girl Is Campus 'Cop' at Wellesley College

Miss Katherine Williamson, of 2818 Connecticut Avenue, has been chosen "college policeman" at Wellesley.

In this capacity, under the student government, she will have charge of several hundred freshmen next fall, to new the entering college girls are properly cared for in the village, to listen to their complaints, and to enforce the regulations.

Miss Williamson, who will be a senior next fall, has volunteered, with eight classmates, to give up her cozy quarters in the college grounds to live with and care for the younger girls. The college policemen are formally styled "village seniors." Their duties are endless in variety, and demand much patience, tact, and hard work.

ATLANTIC WIRELESS FLASHES ARE "CAUGHT" IN NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Forks, N. D., May 18.—Wireless messages from United States battleships on the Atlantic coast are being picked up by a wireless station at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, while from the West the wireless messages that have been sent by vessels on the Pacific Ocean to points along the shore have been registered here.

Dr. A. H. Taylor, builder of the wireless station here, has heard the wireless station at Key West several times, and he believes that he has also heard the Colon, Panama, station.

Messages from battleships that have been received here have been those directed to Federal stations along the coast, giving the location of vessels. These messages travel several thousand miles in some instances, and indicate the remarkable carrying power of the wireless.

U. S. S. Montezuma Passes Gibraltar. Gibraltar, May 18.—The United States cruiser Montezuma, homeward bound, passed here today, and saluted the famous rock. A British land battery replied to the unusual compliment.

MINER'S 25 YEARS OF WORK REWARDED

Indications of Gold Were There and Prospector Never Lost Faith in His Theories.

John Day, Ore., May 18.—Jack O'Shea, a grizzled old prospector, who for twenty-five years has burrowed into the old Canyon Mountain in his search for glittering wealth, has at last struck it rich, and after a quarter of a century of hardship, suffering, starvation, and toil, he is on the high road to fortune, for he struck the elusive ledge he had sought for nearly half a lifetime, and before the sun went down behind the Western hills he had taken out \$200 in gold, and for once faced the world an independent man.

O'Shea, a confirmed prospector, struck this section of Grant County a quarter of a century ago and, finding indications that gold existed in the old Canyon Mountain, he made his camp and began to prospect for the wealth he felt certain was there.

He toiled in good weather and bad, often with scarce food enough to keep soul and body together; he endured the bitter cold of the winter storms and the scorching heat under summer suns, dreaming in the cool of the night of fabulous riches, only to be met by discouragement during his waking hours.

Until times and the arduous work, still, he had his hair, faded his eyes, and weakened his limbs, but, with the tenacity of purpose seldom found even in the prospector for gold, he stuck to his search, and now his dream has come true.

TEACHERS WHO SMOKE UNDER W. C. T. U. FIRE

Fight Made Before Spokane Board of Education to Prevent Employment of Tutors Who Use Weed.

Spokane, Wash., May 18.—Public school teachers who smoke are receiving the fire of the Spokane W. C. T. U., which has requested the board of education to engage no teachers who use the weed in any form. Going a step further, they demand that those now on the payroll who are devotees of Lady Nicotine be given the choice of "reforming" or quitting their jobs.

At a public hearing the foes of tobacco declared their belief that some of the school principals use tobacco; that some of them smoke on the streets, and that mothers endeavoring to stamp out the habit in their sons are stumped by the rejoinder, "Teacher smokes, why can't we?"

"There is no one who claims smoking is decreasing," said the Rev. J. O. Johnson. "There is no natural tendency among boys to smoke—they do it because they see some one else do it. It is impossible for any teacher who uses tobacco to give sincerely the instruction of the evil effects of the weed, which our State law requires."

NO MORE STAIRS FOR SCHOOLS.

Spokane Institutions Install Wind-Inclined Stairways Between Floors.

Spokane, Wash., May 18.—Stairways are being installed in new schools in Spokane and are giving satisfaction.

The stairs simply are built with a medium incline and a flat surface, eliminating steps. Not only are they hailed as an agency to prevent breaking down the health of the children, but they are considered much better in crises such as panics.

"We find the stairways stairway is a great improvement," said School Superintendent Bruce M. Watson. "The strain of climbing placed upon growing children is relieved, and I believe the danger of piling up in case of panic is greatly lessened."

The new stairs take up twice the space of the old ones. The strain of climbing placed upon growing children is relieved, and I believe the danger of piling up in case of panic is greatly lessened.

The school architect has received a great many inquiries regarding the inclined stairs from different parts of the country, where schools are planning to use them.

Many Work Way Through College. Ithaca, N. Y., May 18.—Statistics just compiled at Cornell University show that 1,000 students partly support themselves through college and that their earnings amount to \$100,000 a year, or 22 per cent of their expenses. Of this number of students, 124 earn more than their expenses for room and board.

PACIFIC WATERS FLOW INTO CANAL

Line of Rock Blocking Entrance to Canal Is Dynamited Away.

HUGE CHARGE IS USED

Blast Is Felt All Over the Isthmus. Celebration Is Planned by Americans.

Panama, May 18.—The waters of the Pacific Ocean were allowed to flow into the Panama Canal today for the first time. The giant line of rock, which has been allowed to stand against the Pacific, was blasted out today with one tremendous ton of dynamite were placed in the drill holes and fired by electricity.

The blast was successful in every way and the concussion was felt as far away as Panama City, where some of the inhabitants thought a slight earthquake had occurred.

The 12,000 Americans in the Zone today selected Christmastide as the place for the monster Fourth of July celebration, which will be held this year.

MEXICO CITY QUIET, THOUGH RUMOR IS RIFE

Anti-American Feeling High and Talk of Intervention Is Heard.

Mexico City, May 18.—This was the quietest Sunday the capital has experienced in many weeks the arrow of peace however, prevailing as the result of an order late last night by the authorities calling off all public meetings and closing all saloons and public shops until Monday morning.

The government's action was prompted by the great number of alarming rumors that have been in circulation for the last two or three days. The most persistent of these reports was to the effect that Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson had asked for his credentials, and another was that a detachment of American troops had landed at Vera Cruz and that an invasion of the country by an American army was taking shape.

"All Americans wishing free transportation home send name and address to Dr. William M. Willey, Isabel La Catolica 95." This advertisement in the Mexican Herald today brought responses from several hundred Americans now in the capital.

Dr. Willey is the man who engineered the relief expedition to the West Coast from Tampico last year. He now wishes to repeat it here, and if his plan shows evidence of success, he will ask the United States government to provide transportation for all Americans wishing to get out of the country. There probably will be several hundred to leave Mexico City alone, but the idea is taking hold upon the Mexicans that the scheme of Dr. Willey is preparatory to intervention by the United States, and the scheme is quite likely to add seriousness to the anti-American feeling here, which is already high.

FOOTLESS; ESCAPES HOSPITAL.

Chinaman Couldn't Understand Why He Was Kept in Bed.

Seattle, May 18.—Eng. Goom, a Chinese patient at the Providence Hospital, escaped from that institution before dawn by crawling on his hands and knees for nearly three blocks. Several months ago Goom's feet were amputated to save his life after he was injured in a railroad accident.

Goom speaks no English and has been unable to understand it, and just why he has been confined in the hospital since his accident.

Several times during the past few months it was feared his mind would give way under the stress of confinement and the loss of his feet, and he has been caught crawling about the halls of the hospital looking for an exit while his nurse was away from him for a few moments.

At 7:30 Miss Annie Blomfield, of 52 Nineteenth Avenue, heard a noise under her house. Upon investigating she found Goom trying to hide himself in a pile of wood under the porch. The police were called and Goom was taken to the city hospital, where he is now held.

SIXTEEN MINERS KILLED BY BLAST; OTHERS MISSING

Many Men Thought to Be Trapped in Wrecked Workings.

RESCUER LOSES HIS LIFE

Second Explosion Occurs, Blocking Exit of the First Aid Party. State Sends Help.

Bell Valley, Ohio, May 18.—Sixteen men were killed, four others fatally injured, and the lives of fifteen more imperiled in two explosions which occurred early today in the Imperial mine of the Ogara Coal Company. One of the men killed was a member of the first rescue party which entered the mine immediately after the explosion occurred. The other members of the party were trapped by the second explosion. A second rescue party failed to locate the men who were alive owing to the burning gases in the workings. A third party of rescuers entered the working later and brought out all members of the first party, and later found the bodies of the dead miners over a mile and a half from the mouth of the mine.

It is believed that a number of other miners were in the workings at the time the explosions occurred, but their fate cannot be determined until after the arrival of the state rescue crew, which is now on its way here.

Among those killed are Harry Dudley, thirty-two, assistant superintendent; Robert Alton, twenty-two, night boss, and Henry Fairhurst, twenty-five, a rescuer.

BRYAN BLAMES WAR SCARES ON THE STEEL TRUST

Armour Plate and Battleship Concerns Bitterly Attacked by Secretary of State.

TALKS TO PEACE SOCIETY

Unscrupulous and Yellow Newspapers that Distort Facts Are Also Unmercifully Criticized.

Administration Pledged to Peace. Secretary Bryan pledged the Wilson administration to a policy of peace, and reasoned that war is never the outcome of logic, but always the result of sentiment, and that, with the advancement of civilization and education and the growing spirit of common brotherhood, the chances of war are steadily diminishing.

Dr. Philander P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, who presided, introduced Bryan as "The Great Commoner." The Champion of the Rights of the Common People, and "The Advocate of International Peace and Welfare Among All Nations." The Secretary did not augment his recently launched fleet of denatured battleships, consisting of the "Friendship" and the "Fellowship," whose ammunition is made of shells containing love and good wishes, but instead launched into a savage attack on unscrupulous and unpatriotic newspapers, and praised Secretary Daniels for his scorching interview on newspapers who distort the facts.

Referring to a plan recently submitted by President Wilson to the representatives of foreign nations here, Secretary Bryan said that if that plan which suggests a period of investigation and deliberation between nations who are at odds is adopted, war will be a thing of the past. He said that he had received assurances from a number of nations that they would enter into an agreement with the United States, and would bind themselves to observe a treaty of that kind.

SUICIDE SECRET LEAKS AFTER TWO DAYS

Powerful Effort Made to Prevent Publicity of Baltimore Man's Act in Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, May 18.—After a tragedy of influence had kept the secret for two days, it was learned tonight that Charles K. Eldel, Jr., member of a prominent Baltimore family, and an official of the Knabe Piano Company, blew out his brains in his apartment at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, on Friday night while dependent over illness.

The news was suppressed by County Physician Conner, who did not notify the police or file a death certificate with the bureau of vital statistics until a reporter tipped off Chief Gyon, of the bureau, and he demanded an explanation. Dr. Conner then admitted that the report was true.

FOUR LOSE LIVES WHEN CANOE UPSETS

Cornell Students and Co-ed Companions Drown in Cayuga Lake—No Trace of Bodies.

Ithaca, N. Y., May 18.—Cayuga Lake added four to its heavy toll of Cornell students when a canoe overturned some where near the middle of the lake late last night, and caused the drowning of Miss Martha McCormick, of Troy, N. Y.; Miss Mary Corneille Arlett, of Middletown, N. Y.; Brainerd Bailey, of Troy, N. Y.; and Reinhardt C. Zimmer, of Rochester, N. Y. After a vain search all day, it is believed tonight the bodies will never be recovered.

All four were members of the Cornell sophomore class. Bailey was a law student and one of the editors of the Cornell Daily Sun. Zimmer was an engineering student.

The two young women were members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society, which entertained a house party at Willow Point Cottage over Sunday. Leaving the house party at 9 o'clock for a canoe ride, the four found the water calm near the shore, but beyond the shelter of the hills, one of the strongest south winds of the year was coming upon high waves. Nothing was seen of the canoe after it left shore.

BRITON KILLS FIVE MEXICANS.

Repulses Attack of Disgruntled Miners After Being Wounded.

Agua Calientes, Mexico, May 18.—John Walker, a British mine owner, and his wife arrived here today under the escort of Federal troops, and told for the first time of their thrilling escape from the hands of infuriated miners last month. When told this, eleven of the miners attacked Walker. He was badly cut and beaten before he opened fire on them with an automatic revolver. Mrs. Walker went to her husband's assistance with a rifle. After escaping from the enraged miners, the Walkers were befriended by a Spanish priest, who sent for the escort of troops.

Walker had been operating a mine at Villa Zacatera. Owing to the trouble in Mexico he was unable to raise money with which to pay his miners last month. When told this, eleven of the miners attacked Walker. He was badly cut and beaten before he opened fire on them with an automatic revolver. Mrs. Walker went to her husband's assistance with a rifle. After escaping from the enraged miners, the Walkers were befriended by a Spanish priest, who sent for the escort of troops.

THE SIGN at Six

Story of a politician who thought he owned New York and how another man undertook to convince him of his error.

Stewart Edward White

The author, tells a modern story of a young scientist, and how Manhattan was given some unbounded surprises.

Thrilling Story

Starts next Sunday in The Herald. Don't miss the first installment, for the book is certainly a corker.

8:00 to Harpers Ferry, Charles Town, Summit Point, Winchester, and return, Sunday, May 25. Baltimore and Ohio R. R. from Union Station, Washington, at 8:30 a. m., returning same day.